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This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:

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This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

- ☐ Newly executed Declaration, ☒ Copy of Declaration from prior application, ☒ Abstract
☐ Please delete the following inventors in the continuation/division/continuation-in-part application:

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- 15 pages of specification and claims (including 24 numbered claims), and
5 sheets of accompanying drawing/s.

☐ Attached is a Power of Attorney.

☐ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

Application Number	Country	Day/Month/Year Filed
9914074.1	Great Britain	16 June 1999
PCT/GB00/02334		16 June 2000

, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

- ☐ Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.
☐ Certified copy(ies) filed on _____ in prior application no. _____ filed _____
☐ This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. _____, filed _____, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.
☒ This application is a ☒ continuation/☐ division/☐ continuation-in-part of Application No. 10/014,920, filed December 14, 2001, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.
☒ Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.
☒ The prior application is assigned to BTG International Limited, London, England,
☒ It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the above parent application(s) by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached, but pursuant to Rule 98(d) copies are not required.
☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ "Small entity" statement attached.
☒ Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment **prior** to calculation of filing fee:

- ☒ Also attached: ☒ Information Disclosure Statement; ☐ Non-Publication Request; ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission; ☐ Statement deleting inventor(s) named in prior application; ☐ Other:

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